

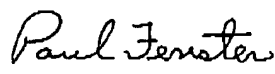
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Applicants submit however, that the prior art does not teach the inventions either in the amended or unamended claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to act on the amendment promptly (and to call the undersigned to discuss this case, if necessary) keeping in mind that the next deadline for filing an Appeal Brief is August 19, 2004.

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